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The Agricultural Conservation Program

All of our people get health and strength from the land. To maintain the productivity of our land, Congress has established the Agricultural Conservation Program to give assistance to farmers and ranchers.

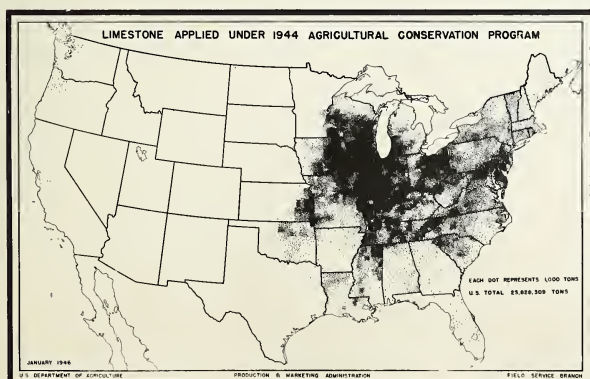
Through this program, the Department of Agriculture shares with farmers the cost of carrying out conservation practices which improve fertility, reduce erosion, and conserve water.

Nearly 3,500,000 farmers and ranchers, operating two-thirds of the Nation's cropland, are performing practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Lime puts "LIFE" into the Land



21,444,000 TONS

**320%
GAIN**

5,046,000 TONS



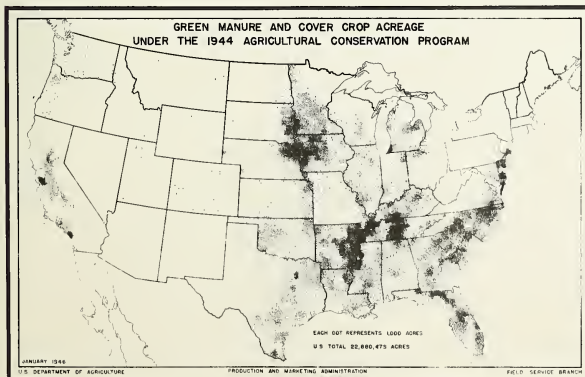
1938
PROGRESS UNDER THE PROGRAM

1945
PROGRESS UNDER THE PROGRAM

THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Green Manure and Cover Crops Protect the Land



11,143,000 ACRES



1938
PROGRESS UNDER THE PROGRAM

18,267,000 ACRES

**64%
GAIN**

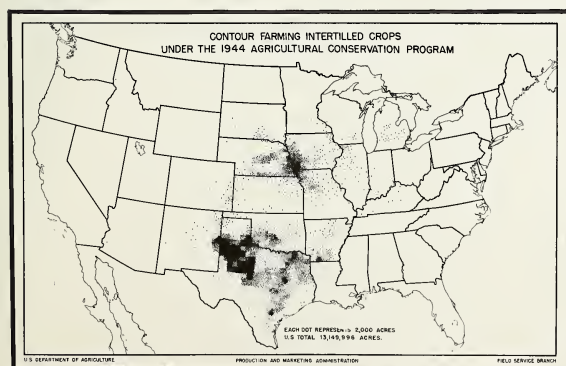


1945
PROGRESS UNDER THE PROGRAM

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Contour Farming Conserves Water and Soil



10,174,000 ACRES

**126%
GAIN**

4,513,000 ACRES

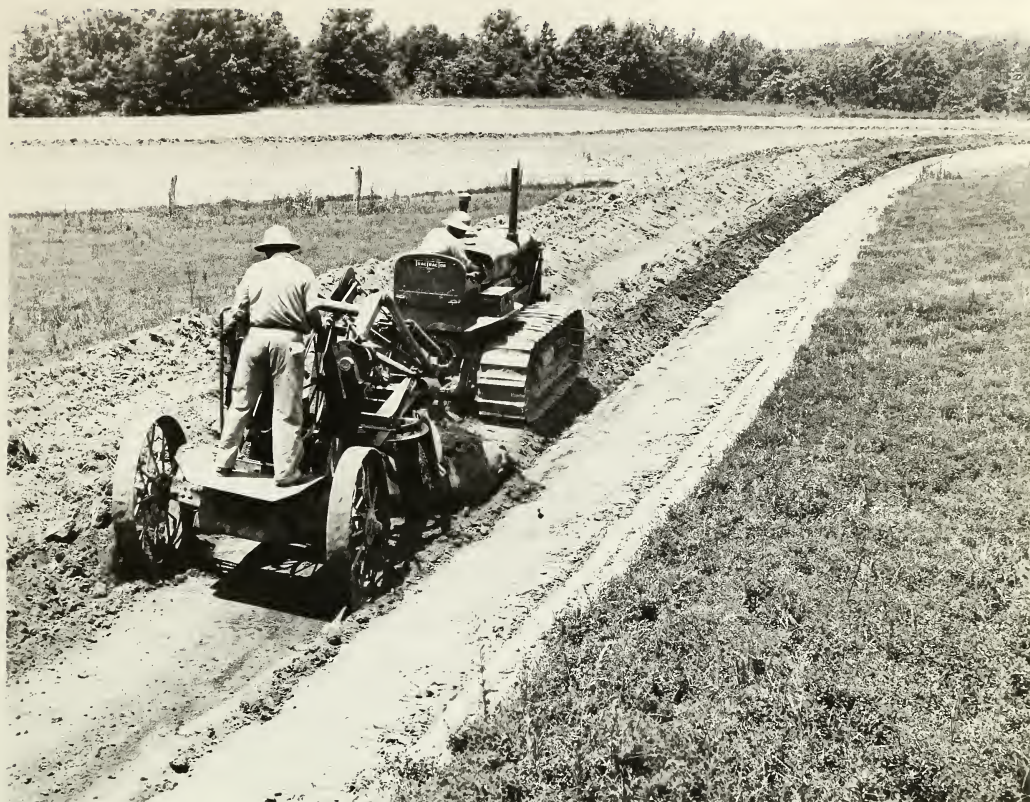


1938

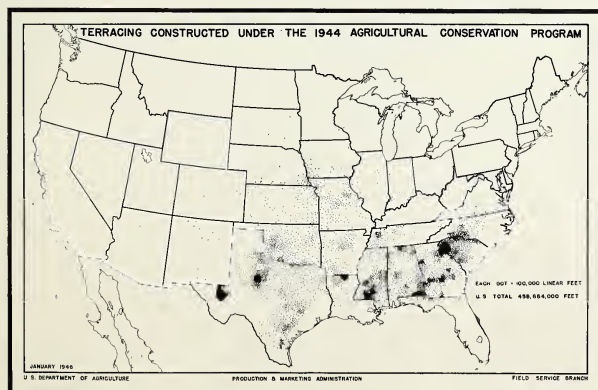
PROGRESS UNDER THE PROGRAM
(INTERTILLED CROPS)

1945

THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Terraces Control Water Run-Off

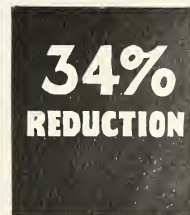


1,532,000 ACRES



1938
PROGRESS UNDER THE PROGRAM

983,000 ACRES



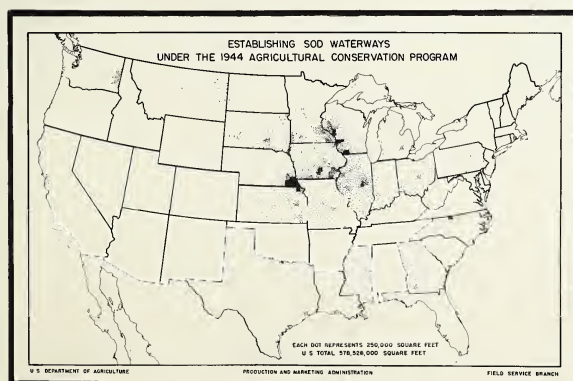
**34%
REDUCTION**

1945
PROGRESS UNDER THE PROGRAM

THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Sod Waterways Prevent Gullies



18,864 ACRES

**5400%
GAIN**

343 ACRES

1940

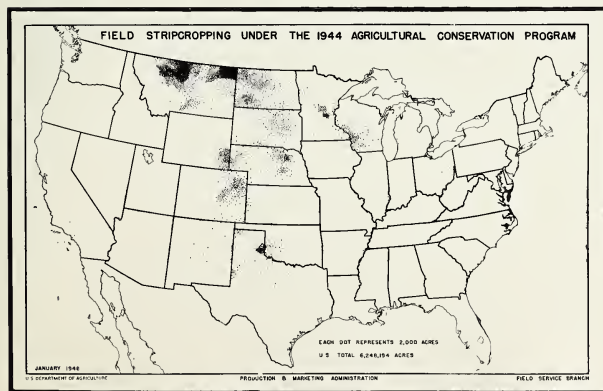
1945

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THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Field Stripcropping Prevents Wind Erosion



6,085,000 ACRES
Field Stripcropping above

**755%
GAIN**

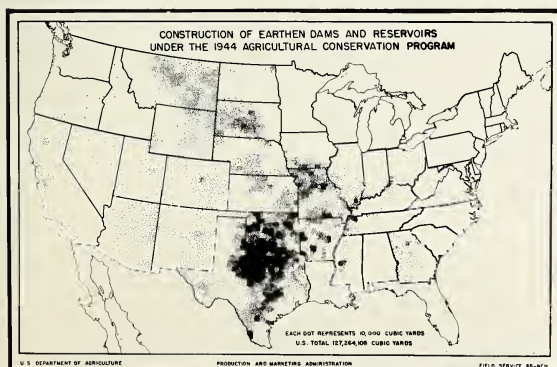
711,000 ACRES
All Stripcropping

1938 1945
PROGRESS UNDER THE PROGRAM

THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM



Dams Insure Water for Livestock



41,632,000 Cu. Yds
(EARTH MOVED)



1938
PROGRESS UNDER THE PROGRAM

93,767,000 Cubic Yds
(EARTH MOVED)

**125%
GAIN**



1945
PROGRESS UNDER THE PROGRAM

THE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

DEFERRED GRAZING - More grass, less erosion



REFORESTATION Provides future lumber; protects wildlife



IRRIGATION - For better crops



SELECTIVE CUPPING on a turpentine farm



The national Agricultural Conservation Program offers assistance for more than 50 practices. All are important for a well rounded program which can be fitted to the conservation needs of any farm or ranch.

